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PSC SETS HEARING SCHEDULE IN PROPOSED RULE ON SMALL STEAM HEAT RATE CASE PROCEDURE

Jefferson City (November 6, 2003)---The Missouri Public Service Commission will conduct a public hearing on **December 9, 2003**, to receive comment on a proposed rule to establish procedures allowing the two steam companies under PSC jurisdiction in Missouri to use the PSC small rate case process to adjust steam rates for their customers. This can occur under state legislation enacted in 2003(HB 208).

Under the small steam heating utility (serving fewer than 100 customers) rate case procedure, the parties to this abbreviated, less formal, rate case process shall have access to all financial records, all billing and sales data, and all customer information. Following receipt of this information, the PSC Staff performs an investigation of the steam heating utility's operations and an audit of its financial records will be performed. An agreement must be reached within 150 days from the date the letter initiating the case is filed. If this abbreviated process does not result in an agreement between the steam heating utility and the PSC Staff, the steam heating utility may initiate a standard rate case.

The public hearing will begin at 10:00 am on December 9, 2003, in the Commission's offices located in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, in Jefferson City. The Governor Office Building is a facility that meets accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

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